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Councilmember Stephen Whitburn Kicks off Back to School Drive for District 3 K-12 Public Schools

SAN DIEGO- San Diego City Councilmember Stephen Whitburn today spoke on his [2024 Back to School Drive](#), an initiative designed to ensure that hundreds of children and teachers in District 3 have the necessary supplies and resources to kickstart their academic year with confidence and enthusiasm.

"As the new school year approaches, it's crucial that we come together as a community to support our students and educators, said Whitburn who represents Council District 3. "I am proud to announce the launch of my Back-to-School Drive, benefitting the public schools right here in our district and community. This drive was designed to ensure that every child and teacher in our community starts the academic year with the supplies and resources they need to succeed."

At a today's news conference at Alice Birney Elementary in University Heights, Whitburn was joined by Richard Barrera, Board Member with the San Diego Unified School District Board of Trustees, Graciela Rosas, Principal of Alice Birney Elementary, Mark West, Executive Director of North Park Main Street, and Jennifer Jenkins, Deputy Director, San Diego Public Libraries.

"I want to thank the many sponsors and partners including the San Diego Unified School District, Alice Birney Elementary, and North Park Main Street for their support in helping District 3 students and teachers have the materials to thrive inside and outside the classroom," Whitburn said.

"Donation drives like this one are essential for supporting the needs of families in District 3", said Richard Barrera, San Diego Unified School District School Board Member. "As a San Diego Unified Board member, I am happy to support Councilmember Whitburn's efforts to help our students and teachers to achieve great success."

"As a dedicated educator with experience as a teacher and administrator, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of school drives on our students", said Graciela Rosas, Principal for Alice Birney Elementary. "We are deeply grateful for the community's support in fostering our students' and teachers' growth and success."

"North Park Main Street is proud to partner with Councilmember Whitburn in this initiative", said Mark West, Executive Director of North Park Main Street. "Our mission is to improve our community, and this effort aligns perfectly with our goals, helping us make a positive impact in North Park and beyond."

"Libraries play a crucial role in the academic careers of school-age children, providing a wealth of resources that support their learning and growth", said Jennifer Jenkins, Deputy Director, City of San Diego Libraries. "We are happy to partner with Councilmember Whitburn to further enhance these offerings and ensure that every student has the support they need to succeed."

Councilmember Whitburn is inviting community members, local businesses, and organizations to contribute to the drive and help make a positive impact on the lives of students and teachers.

Donations can be dropped off at the following locations within District 3 until Sunday, August 25th:

- Mission Hills - Hillcrest Library (215 W Washington St, San Diego, CA 92103)
- University Heights Library (4193 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92103)
- North Park Library (3795 31st St, San Diego, CA 92104)
- Central Library (330 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101)